

In line 4 of Claim 30, please insert --base-- between the words "said" and "below".

13 15. (Thrice Amended) An edgewise orthodontic bracket comprising:

a body comprising gingival and occlusal sidewalls;

gingival and occlusal tie wings extending from said body and defining a labially opening archwire slot therebetween, wherein said gingival and occlusal tie wings are in a fixed position;

an auxiliary slot extending entirely through said body from said occlusal sidewall to said gingival sidewall, wherein said auxiliary slot is positioned on at least one of a mesial and a distal side of said bracket; and,

an auxiliary orthodontic treatment device having a shaft portion positionable within said auxiliary slot;

said auxiliary slot and said shaft portion of said auxiliary orthodontic treatment device having complimentary configurations wherein rotational movement therebetween is restricted.

#### REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge with thanks the indication of allowance of Claims 1, 4-12, and 22 by the Examiner in the above-identified Office Action. As will be discussed below, however, Applicants believe that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

In the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 13, 14, and 17-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 based upon the combination of Suyama and Pletcher. Applicants respectfully note